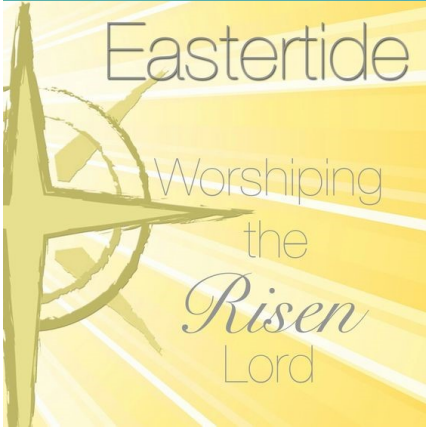


St. Peter's Church, Hershams



7th April 2024
The Second Sunday
of Easter

A very warm welcome
to
St. Peter's Church

Today's readings:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Second Testament: I John 1:1-2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise. A short, fun and interactive service, in church for young families followed by refreshments.

10.30 am Church Family Communion with Baptism of Izabella

1 pm Baptism of Jack

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS: If you require a gluten free wafer for communion please let the sides people know when you arrive and inform the priest when you get to the altar rail.

THIS WEEK: Sarah Dunn on leave all week

Mon 8th	8 am	Morning Prayer
Tues 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.45 pm • 8 pm 	<p>Curate's day-off</p> <p>Bell ringers' practice</p> <p>Our men's group are meeting in The Bricklayers Arms, Queen's Road for a drink and a chat. Bring any male friends you feel might like to join in. They don't have to be church attendees. It's a local group - for men.</p>
Wed 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am 8 pm 	<p>Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church</p> <p>Meeting of the Standing Committee</p>
Thurs 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.15 pm Afternoon 	<p>St. Peter's Fellowship will be enjoying a fish and chip lunch in the Church Hall.</p> <p>Curate half-day</p>
Fri 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning • • 	<p>Curate half-day</p> <p>Parish Office closed</p> <p>Vicar's day-off</p>

NEXT SUNDAY: 14 APRIL**The Third Sunday of Easter**

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service, in church for young families followed by refreshments.
10.30 am	Parish Communion
1 pm	Baptism of Maximus
5 pm	Youth led Evening Prayer in church followed by TAG in the Church Hall. If you have an instrument then do bring it along as part of the evening will be a jamming session. Do come along even if you don't think you're musical - plenty of fun to have! Pick up time is 7pm. TAG is Teenagers and God (our youth group for Year 7 and up). 2 nd Sunday of the month. Meet for food, fun and fellowship, social events and outings. For more details contact Deborah Lock 01932 703175.

On the anniversary of their death, we give thanks
for the life of:

Daniela Battson (10th April)
Elsie Westfold (11th April)



NOTICES

CHURCHYARD NEWS: Now that the weather is improving we're continuing our plans to improve and maintain the churchyard as somewhere worthy of those laid to rest there. Please email Lynne Watson at safeguarding@stpetershersham.com if you are able to help with clearing and tidying of the Churchyard on Saturday afternoons 2pm to 4pm. Do come and have a look at what has been achieved so far, it looks great! It is also our intention to ensure graves are kept neat and tidy. Please consider signing up to Adopt a Grave: weeding a specific grave or a number of graves in a designated area so that as a community, we can respect and preserve the dignity of those who established the village as we know it today. Our very grateful thanks are extended to Woodlark Nurseries Ltd for again donating all the beautiful pots of daffodils which we are going to plant around the churchyard.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL: Being on our Church Electoral Roll is a way of demonstrating your willingness to help shape the future of the Church, not just locally, but nationally. It also enables you to participate and vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will be held in church after the 10.30am service on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to have your name entered on the roll, you need to fill in a form no later than **4 May**. Please take a form from the back of church (noting you must be baptised, over 16 and have attended worship at St. Peter's for at least six months prior to enrolment), fill it in and return it to Sarah by putting it in the Parish Office pigeon hole in church. The current list is on the back table: if you're already on it you don't need to fill in another form.

NOTICES CONTINUED:

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING HOME GROUPS (we now have two) will start again on Wednesday 17 April, 7.15pm to 9pm and we will meet every two weeks during the summer term, ending with a joint celebration BBQ in July. Sign-up on the sheet at the back of church. We are hoping to start a daytime group soon, but need someone to host and lead it.



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO SHARING FAITH: Thursday 25 April, 7.45 - 9pm (refreshments served from 7.30pm). We recently asked you what the main obstacles that get in the way of sharing your faith with others are. Thank you to everyone who filled in the

questionnaire. The greatest obstacle for most people was 'Unsure of what to say' followed by 'don't know how to get started' and 'a lack of interest in the Christian faith by those I know'. If this is you then do join us for this session on how to overcome these obstacles on Thursday 25th April. Please let us know if you are intending to come along so we can ensure we have adequate materials. Email: vicar@stpetershersham.com. Jackie

Pray with us

God of mission, fill us with your Holy Spirit to show and share our faith and love in our community, and help us to grow as a church family. Amen

